



Sin Spread to People | Oct 10, 2021 | 3rd - 5th grade

God created everything and everything He created was good. Sin entered the world through Adam and Eve and spread to impact everyone. God shows His goodness that despite our sin He desires a relationship with us.

BIBLE PASSAGE: Genesis 4-5

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Why do we need a rescuer? God created everything and it was good, but sin wrecked the world and separated us from God.

CHRIST'S CONNECTION: Adam and Eve's sin and its consequences spread to all of their descendants. But God did not forget His promise to send a Rescuer. At just the right time, God would send His Son to save sinners.

THE WIN FOR SUNDAY GROUPS: Give kids a first look at The Bible, Jesus and our need for a Savior by embracing their physical needs or engaging their interests. Use The Code when necessary to help redirect kids and build relationships.

BIBLE PASSAGE CONTEXT

Siblings often fight and compete as children and even adults. It may be over something as innocent as who gets the last cookie or as serious as who inherits their parents prized heirloom.

The competition Cain felt toward Abel- the world's first siblings- reminds us that these family tensions can cause great damage to our relationships with one another, with parents, and even with God.

In the story of Cain and Abel, we find a progressing pattern of jealousy and anger within Cain. Cain raged not only because his offering was rejected by God, but also because his brother's offering was accepted by the Lord. Cain's jealousy led him into a pit of misdirected hatred of Abel, ultimately leading him to murder his brother. The consequence of sin- death- that God had warned Adam and Eve about had come to fruition.

Jealousy never produces anything godly in us. And why is that? It's primarily because jealousy is nothing more than proof that we have staked our identity on what we have done or can do, rather than on what God has done through us.

When you're tempted to compare yourself to others, let that trigger a reminder of who you are in Christ.

Second Corinthians 5:17 tells us that "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation." As a child of God, our identity is not dependent upon what we do, but instead upon what Christ has done to save us through His life, death and resurrection. Rather than living in the comparison between ourselves and others, let's live in the confidence that we have been made new. In Christ, we are fully loved and accepted.

Fight the temptation to compare. Fight the urge to compete with others before God. And trust in the finished work of Christ. For you are not your own; you were bought with a price. And that price is one you could never repay.

People to Know:

Cain- Adam and Eve's first son. He killed his brother Abel.

Abel- Adam and Eve's second son. His name means "breath" or "vapor"

Seth- Adam and Eve's third son. He was an ancestor of Jesus.

TAKEAWAYS

- Today's Bible story shows how sin spread from Adam and Eve to their sons
- When Cain killed Abel it was because sin spreads from one to another.
- Cain was jealous of Abel. Jealousy never produces anything Godly in us.
- We must fight to not let sinful thoughts and feelings take over our actions.
- **Bottom Line:** We all sin and all sin has consequences.

Small Group Prayer: "God, help us to have control over sin so that our sin does not control us. Thank You for remembering Your promise to send a Savior. Thank You for Jesus, who rescues us from our sin. Help us to confess and believe. Amen."

SOCIAL ACTIVITY: Lego Challenge

What You Need: Lego sets and Lego Challenge Cards

What You Do

Lay out the legos and pull a challenge card.

Ask kids to work together or independently to create the best thing they can create to represent the challenge on the card you shared with them.

Read the card.

Ask this question: "Are you the best at everything you do? Has there ever been a time when someone was better than you at basketball, math or drawing? How does that make you feel? (guide the discussion to the word "jealousy.")"

What You Say: As kids are coming in, set up the game and ask kids to join you as you play the game.

Games are a great way for kids to engage with each other and you as you get to know each other. Use this time to ask them questions about their week and any other important follow up questions to things you have talked about in the past.

Play a Worship Song or 2 from your Worship DVD/Roku
Play the Bible teaching DVD/Roku

APPLICATION ACTIVITY: Reaction Reach

What You Need: set of dominoes

What You Do:

- Provide dominoes and challenge kids to arrange them on end about an inch apart so knocking over one will cause the rest to fall in turn.
- You may add a challenge to increase difficulty:
 - Form a spiral with dominoes.
 - Arrange dominoes to go around an obstacle like a ball or chair.
 - Set up dominoes to branch and then come back together.

What You Say "Sin entered the world through one man- Adam- and no one could stop it. Sin and death spread to Adam and Eve's children and their families. Cain's sin separated him from God and people. Sin and death have spread to us even today. Everyone has sinned. Our sin separates us from God and from each other, but God had a plan to bring people back to Himself. He sent His Son, Jesus, to save sinners. Let's spend a few minutes talking about this and the other things we learned from our Bible story today."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- **Are there situations when it is ok to lie?**
- **Why does God want us to be honest?**

- **How did Cain let sin control him?** Help the kids understand that Cain's jealousy was not sin on it's own. When Cain was jealous God warned him that he needed to control those feelings because sin was near. Guide the kids to discuss how feelings alone are not sinful. When we let those feelings control our thoughts, words or actions, then we have let sin control our hearts.
- **What was the real reason God asked Cain, "Where is your brother?"** Guide the kids to consider whether God really needed help finding Abel. Help them understand that God already knew what had happened to Abel. God was giving Cain an opportunity to confess his sin and tell the truth. Help the kids to understand that God knows everything about us. He wants us to trust Him with our sin, be able to confess our sins and ask for help obeying him.
- **Can God punish sin and still love us?** Help the kids understand that sin must be punished. God must punish sin because He is holy and righteous. Help the kids consider even in God's punishment of sin, He can still love people and show mercy. Just as God punished Cain by sending Him away, He also showed Cain mercy by putting a mark on Cain that would protect him. Help the kids consider how God can show us mercy even in our sin.
- **What should we do when we sin?** Guide kids to discuss how to seek forgiveness with God and with other people. We can repent- turn from our sin and turn back to God. We can confess our wrongdoing and ask forgiveness. Prompt kids to think of someone who might feel hurt by something they did. Encourage kids to seek forgiveness this week. Discuss how kids may need to make right what was wrong. For example, if they broke a friend's toy, they may need to replace it. Read Colossians 3:13.

TRANSITION TO HOME: Prepare kids to talk with their family about what they learned today.

- As family members arrive to pick up their kid, greet them and tell them one thing you noticed about their kid that day or something you talked to each kid about remembering this week.
- If there is time to chat with the family, ask how you can pray for them this week.
- Say bye to the kid and call them by name.